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The Day The EARTH Stood Still
THIS IS TAYLOR MILLS, WGBS NEWS, REPORTING FROM THE COLDEST PLACE I'VE EVER BEEN.
WE'RE HERE, WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD'S MEDIA, IN THE ANTARCTIC ICE FIELDS. THE STRUCTURE YOU SEE BEHIND ME IS THE GLOBAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE HYPERCLAN.
THESE ALIEN SUPERHEROES HAVE CAPTURED THE HEARTS OF THE WORLD WITH THEIR MIRACULOUS FEATS. PROTEX, THE LEADER, HAS PROMISED ANOTHER FANTASTIC DISPLAY TODAY AND THIS IS ONLY ONE OF THREE LOCATIONS WHERE THE HYPERCLAN INTEND TO WORK THEIR MAGIC.
LET'S CHECK IN WITH THE OTHERS WHILE WE'RE WAITING TO SEE JUST WHAT THE ALIEN TEAM HAS IN STORE FOR AN EAGER PUBLIC THIS TIME.

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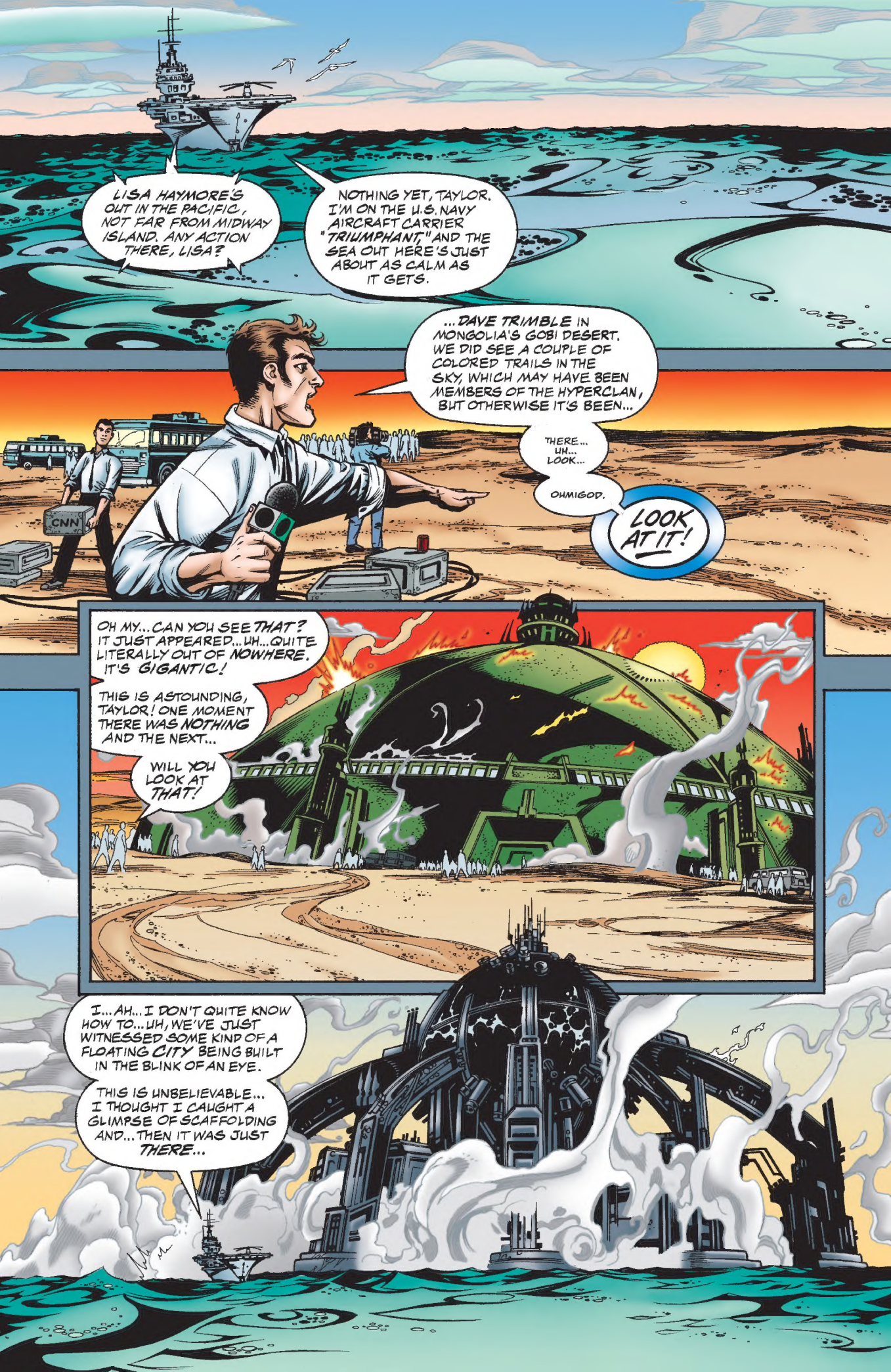
LISA HAYMORE'S OUT IN THE PACIFIC, NOT FAR FROM MIDWAY ISLAND. ANY ACTION THERE, LISA?
NOTHING YET, TAYLOR. I'M ON THE U.S. NAVY AIRCRAFT CARRIER "TRIUMPHANT," AND THE SEA OUT HERE'S JUST ABOUT AS CALM AS IT GETS.
...DAVE TRIMBLE IN MONGOLIA'S GOBI DESERT. WE DID SEE A COUPLE OF COLORED TRAILS IN THE SKY, WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF THE HYPERCLAN, BUT OTHERWISE IT'S BEEN...
THERE... UH... LOOK...
OHMIGOD.
LOOK AT IT!
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OH MY... CAN YOU SEE THAT? IT JUST APPEARED... UH... QUITE LITERALLY OUT OF NOWHERE. IT'S GIGANTIC!
THIS IS ASTOUNDING, TAYLOR! ONE MOMENT THERE WAS NOTHING AND THE NEXT...
WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT!
I... AH... I DON'T QUITE KNOW HOW TO... UH, WE'VE JUST WITNESSED SOME KIND OF A FLOATING CITY BEING BUILT IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.
THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE... I THOUGHT I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF SCAFFOLDING AND... THEN IT WAS JUST THERE...

I'M GOING TO HAVE TO STOP YOU RIGHT THERE, LISA, BECAUSE THREE OF THE HYPER-CLAN HAVE JUST JOINED US HERE.
SORRY TO KEEP YOU ALL WAITING.
JUST A SMILE FOR THE CAMERAS, PRIMAID!
PROTEX! CAN YOU TELL US THE PURPOSE OF THESE STRUCTURES?
ARE YOU CONSIDERING PLASTIC SURGERY, A-MORTAL?
NO COMMENT.
THIS PLANET IS DESTROYING ITSELF. YOUR PEOPLE NEED HELP TO BUILD A PARADISE AND THAT HELP HAS ARRIVED.
THE HYPERCLAN IS HERE TO STAY. YOU CAN PRINT THAT.
CALL THEM WATCHTOWERS. WE INTEND TO DIVIDE OUR FORCES INTO THREE GROUPS, EACH OF WHICH WILL BE PERMANENTLY STATIONED IN ONE OF THESE HEADQUARTERS.
WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO ANY EMERGENCY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

THE FLYING SAUCER OVER WASHINGTON IS SOME KIND OF SOPHISTICATED PROJECTION, AS YOU SUSPECTED, BATMAN.
WELL?
WE COULDN'T FIND ANY SIGN OF THE ORBITAL MIND CONTROL TRANSMITTERS.
I TRIED SCANNING WITH THE RING BUT IT'S LIKE THE TRANSMISSIONS ARE COMING OUT OF NOWHERE.
IT DOESN'T MATTER; THEY JUST SET UP THREE EARTH STATIONS, PUMPING OUT "HATE THE JUSTICE LEAGUE" AND OTHER GOLDEN OLDIES 24 HOURS A DAY.

SO BASICALLY WE STILL DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THESE GUYS EXCEPT THAT THEY HAVE, LIKE, SUPERMAN'S POWERS AND THEY'VE TURNED THE WHOLE WORLD AGAINST US IN A FEW DAYS.
WHAT'S THE PLAN, BATMAN?
J'ONN?
WE DO WHAT WE ALWAYS DO; DIVIDE OUR FORCES AND INVESTIGATE THE THREAT. DESTROY THEIR TRANSMISSION FACILITIES IF NEED BE.
I SUGGEST BATMAN AND SUPERMAN TRAVEL TO THE ANTARCTIC NERVE CENTER--
AND PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO TAKE A TRIP TO THE PACIFIC, WONDER WOMAN.
FINE.
SO WHAT ABOUT ME?
SHOULDN'T I BE GOING WITH HER?
YOU AND FLASH CAN ACCOMPANY ME TO THE GOBI DESERT.
RUNNER'S WORLD
>PFFT<
GREAT.
GOOD CHOICES, J'ONN.
TRY TO TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY, GREEN LANTERN.

WONDER WOMAN
THE TRIP FROM RHODE ISLAND TO THE INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE TAKES HER JUST OVER AN HOUR AT THE SPEED OF HERMES -- CURRENTLY MACH THREE.
SHE'S THINKING, OF ALL THINGS, ABOUT THE CORIOLIS FORCE WHICH CAUSES WATER IN THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE TO DRAIN IN A CLOCKWISE DIRECTION.
THAT'S WHEN SHE NOTICES THE WHIRLPOOL BELOW, SPINNING COUNTERCLOCKWISE.
LIFE IS FULL OF STRANGE COINCIDENCES.
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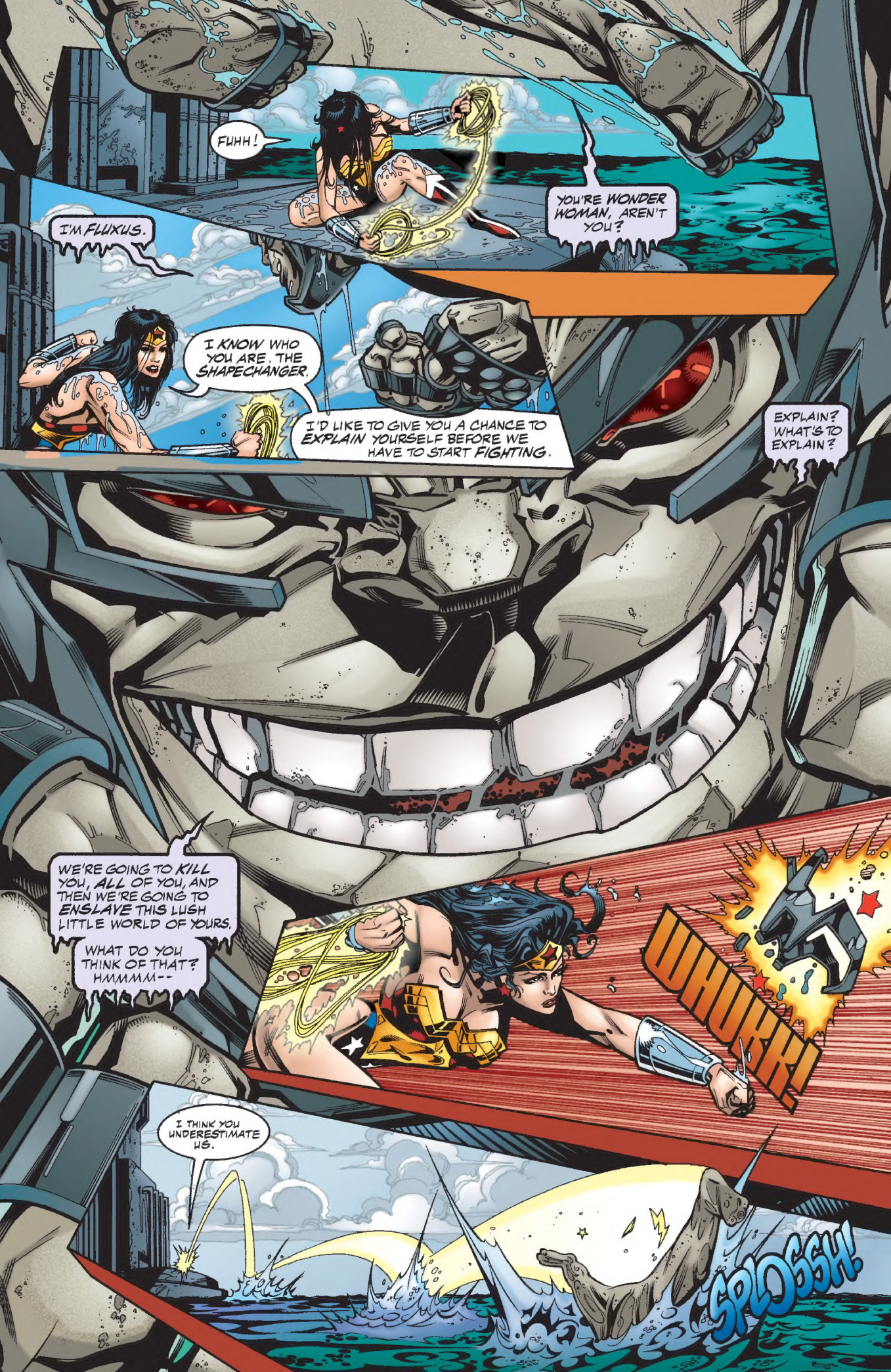
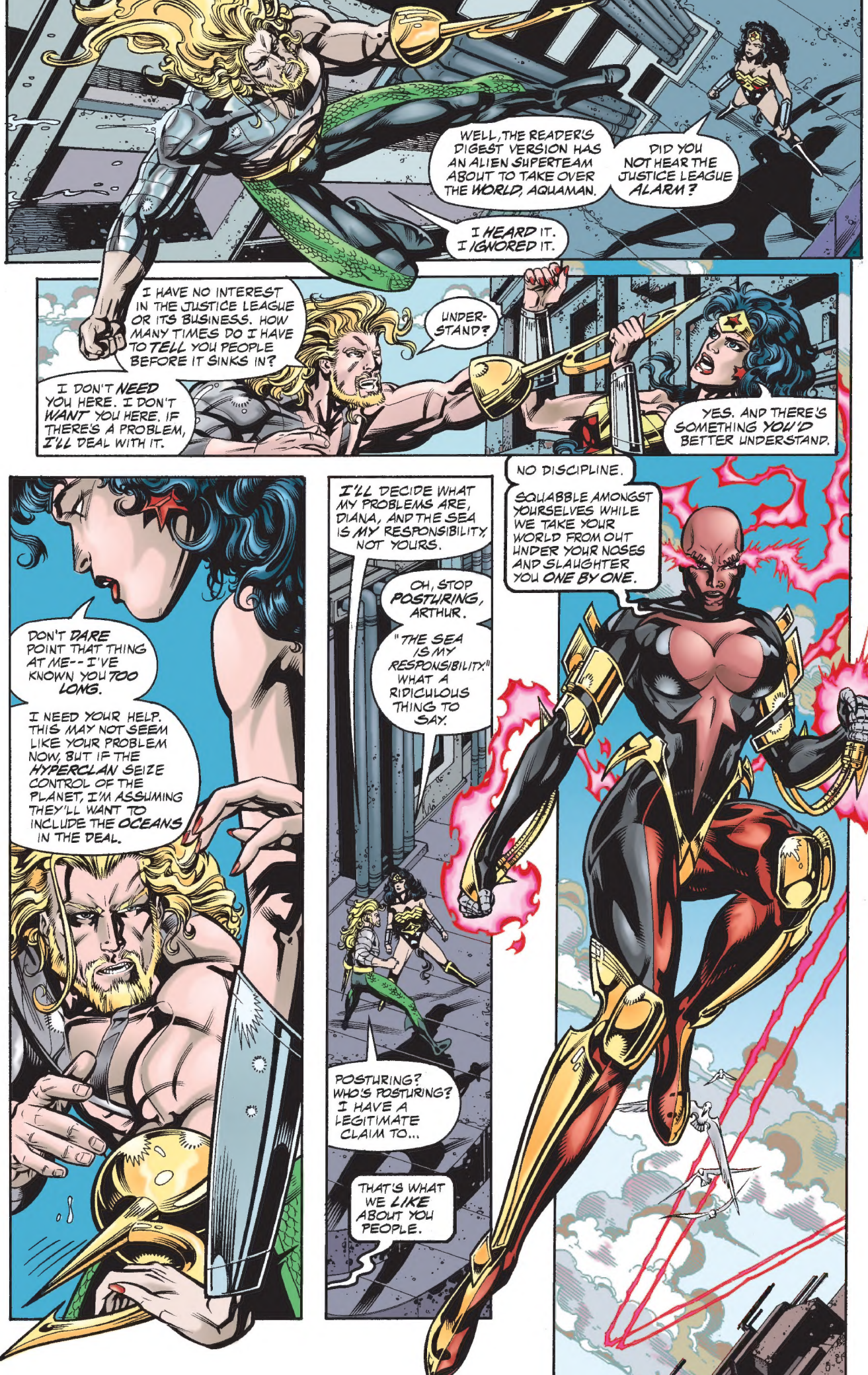
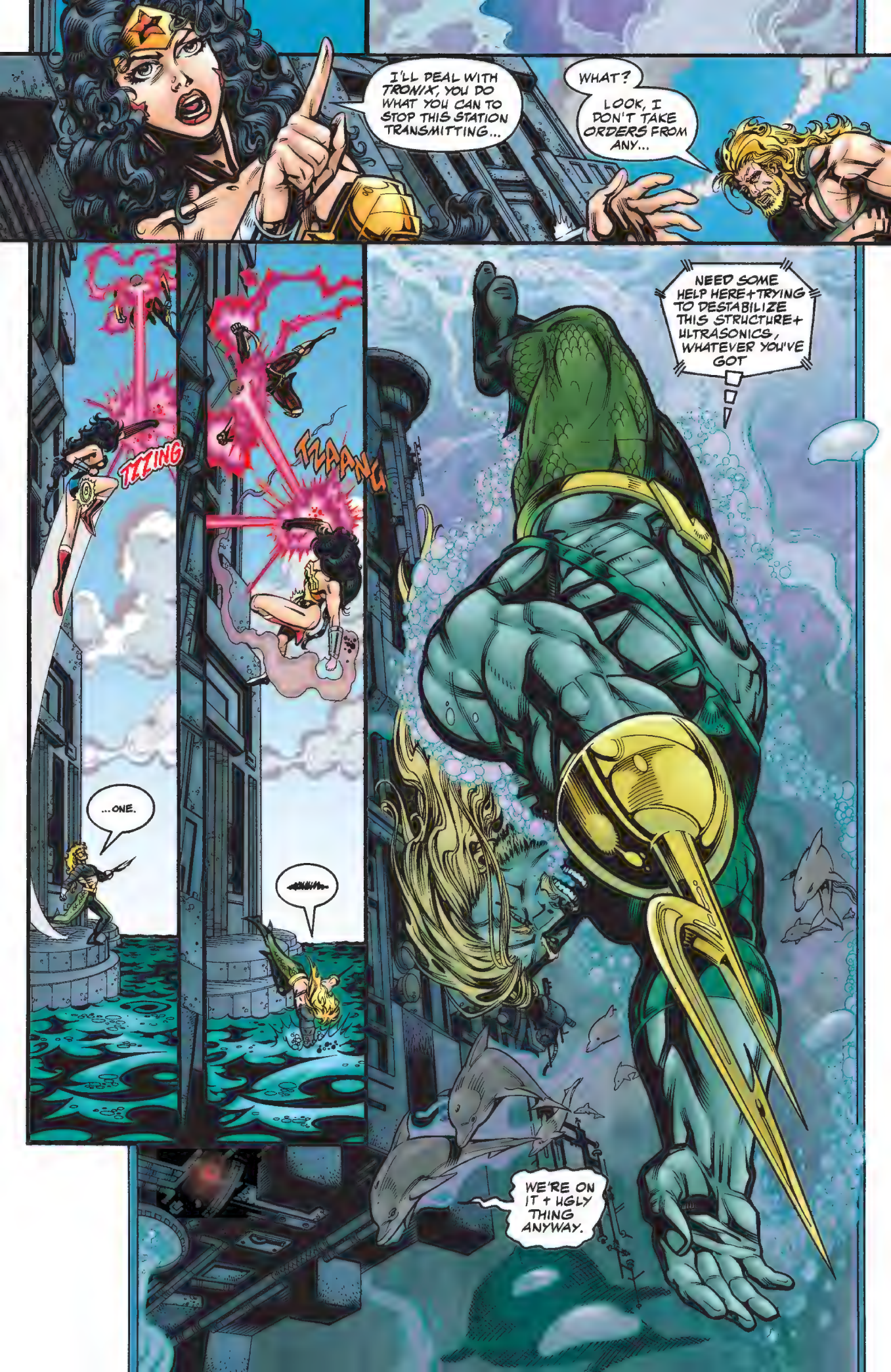

FUHH!
YOU'RE WONDER WOMAN, AREN'T YOU?
I'M FLUXUS.
I KNOW WHO YOU ARE. THE SHAPECHANGER.
I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN YOURSELF BEFORE WE HAVE TO START FIGHTING.
EXPLAIN? WHAT'S TO EXPLAIN?
WE'RE GOING TO KILL YOU, ALL OF YOU, AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO ENSLAVE THIS LUSH LITTLE WORLD OF YOURS.
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT? HMMMM--
WHUKK!
I THINK YOU UNDERESTIMATE US.
SPLOSSH!

ALL RIGHT:
COME ON, THEN. TAKE WHATEVER SHAPE YOU WANT.
I AM READY FOR...HERA!
AQUAMAN
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, WONDER WOMAN?


WELL, THE READER'S DIGEST VERSION HAS AN ALIEN SUPERTEAM ABOUT TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD, AQUAMAN.
DID YOU NOT HEAR THE JUSTICE LEAGUE ALARM?
I HEARD IT. I IGNORED IT.
I HAVE NO INTEREST IN THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OR ITS BUSINESS. HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU PEOPLE BEFORE IT SINKS IN?
UNDER-STAND?
I DON'T NEED YOU HERE. I DON'T WANT YOU HERE. IF THERE'S A PROBLEM, I'LL DEAL WITH IT.
YES. AND THERE'S SOMETHING YOU'D BETTER UNDERSTAND.
DON'T DARE POINT THAT THING AT ME-- I'VE KNOWN YOU TOO LONG.
I NEED YOUR HELP. THIS MAY NOT SEEM LIKE YOUR PROBLEM NOW, BUT IF THE HYPERCLAN SEIZE CONTROL OF THE PLANET, I'M ASSUMING THEY'LL WANT TO INCLUDE THE OCEANS IN THE DEAL.
I'LL DECIDE WHAT MY PROBLEMS ARE, DIANA, AND THE SEA IS MY RESPONSIBILITY, NOT YOURS.
OH, STOP POSTURING, ARTHUR.
"THE SEA IS MY RESPONSIBILITY." WHAT A RIDICULOUS THING TO SAY.
POSTURING? WHO'S POSTURING? I HAVE A LEGITIMATE CLAIM TO...
THAT'S WHAT WE LIKE ABOUT YOU PEOPLE.
NO DISCIPLINE.
SQUABBLE AMONGST YOURSELVES WHILE WE TAKE YOUR WORLD FROM OUT UNDER YOUR NOSES AND SLAUGHTER YOU ONE BY ONE.


I'LL DEAL WITH TRONIX, YOU DO WHAT YOU CAN TO STOP THIS STATION TRANSMITTING...
WHAT?
LOOK, I DON'T TAKE ORDERS FROM ANY...
TZZING
TZZAANG
...ONE.
NEED SOME HELP HERE+TRYING TO DESTABILIZE THIS STRUCTURE+ ULTRASONICS, WHATEVER YOU'VE GOT
WE'RE ON IT + UGLY THING ANYWAY.

SO WHO BROUGHT THE WHALE? +WHY WON'T HE SPEAK TO US?
WHUNNNCH
ARTHUR? WHAT...
YES!
NEVER MIND THE WHALE, JUST GIVE ME...
NOT WHALE! + NOT WHALE! +IT'S
SHRRZZZZ
"WONDER WOMAN"! HA! I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO A FIGHT!
THIS IS GOING TO BE SO EASY.
THEY'RE USELESS.
TWO DOWN, FLUXUS!
KILLING THAT DAXAMITE PRIEST OUT BY THE KRYPTON GULF WAS HARDER THAN THIS AND HE WAS A PACIFIST!
THE OTHERS ARE GOING TO LOVE THIS, TRONIX!

GREEN LANTERN
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? I'VE BEEN WAITING HERE FOR AGES.
YEAH, LIKE THREE MINUTES.
The FLASH
LONG ENOUGH.
I THINK IT'S ALL TOILET. YOU COULD TRY ASKING THEM BUT THEY HAVEN'T MOVED AN INCH SINCE I GOT HERE.
IT'S LIKE THEY'RE... WORSHIPPING THAT THING.
YEAH. THE MIND CONTROL EMISSIONS ARE GONNA BE STRONGEST 'ROUND THE TRANSMITTERS, I GUESS.
SO WHERE'S J'ONN? HE'S USUALLY RIGHT BEHIND.
DUNNO. I LOST HIM OVER THAT SEA. WHAT'S IT CALLED? THE ONE BETWEEN ALASKA AND RUSSIA. THE BERING...
THINK THIS PLACE HAS A TOILET?
HEY!
LOOKS LIKE THE JOLLY GREEN GIANT'S ON HIS WAY.

YEAH, AND HE'S GOT SUPER-HEARING SO WATCH WHAT YOU... WAIT A MINUTE, THAT'S NOT J'ONN.
J'ONN WOULD FLY...
IT'S
ZÜM!
I'LLHANDLETHIS.
SHRRUUUUFF

FLASH?
TERRIFIC. NOW WHAT'LL I DO?
VRIIIIT!
TRY DYING!
I HAVE HIM, ARMEK!
STOMP HIS FACE TO BLOODY PASTE!
FORGET THE FACE, I'M GOING FOR HIS HANDS!
THRRRMMMBLL

YOU'VE NEVER REALLY BEEN ONE OF THEM, HAVE YOU J'ONN? AT BEST THEY'VE TOLERATED YOU, TREATED YOU AS A MASCOT.
THAT'S WHY YOU ASKED TO MEET ME IN SECRET, ISN'T IT?
GROWN TIRED OF PRETENDING TO BE HUMAN? GROWN WEARY OF THEIR BANAL CONVERSATION, THEIR BRIEF LIVES.
YOU'RE FAR FROM HOME, WITH ONLY MEMORIES OF A LONG DEAD WORLD. I UNDERSTAND THAT.
WE'RE THE SAME, YOU AND I. BOTH STRANGERS IN A STRANGE LAND.
SURELY YOU MUST HAVE ASKED YOURSELF WHY YOU'VE NEVER SHOWED THEM YOUR TRUE FORM.
PERHAPS THEY'D BE AFRAID OF ME.
THEN GIVE THEM A REASON TO BE AFRAID J'ONN SEIZE YOUR DESTINY.
JOIN US.
MARTIAN MANHUNTER

SUPERMAN

FEEL FREE TO PULL AHEAD, SUPERMAN. I KNOW I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH YOU.

I'D RATHER STAY AND TALK.

J'ONN'S VERY *ASTUTE*, DON'T YOU THINK?

BATMAN

HE HAS A FINE TACTICAL MIND.

HE'S BEEN WITH THE JUSTICE LEAGUE SINCE THE BEGINNING AND HE UNDERSTANDS GROUP DYNAMICS BETTER THAN ANYONE I'VE EVER MET.

BUT YOU DON'T *LIKE* THIS, DO YOU? YOU DON'T LIKE WORKING WITH... WITH *SUPERPEOPLE*.

I DON'T *HAVE* SUPERSPEED OR INVULNERABILITY. I CAN'T RISK WEARING A BRIGHT COSTUME THAT MAKES ME A *TARGET* AND I CAN'T AFFORD TO TRUST POORLY-TRAINED PEOPLE WHO *DO*, PRESENT COMPANY EXCEPTED, OF...

WAIT... THERE'S SOMETHING ON MY *SCREENS*.

I SEE IT!

IT'S ONE OF THEM! *PRIMAID!*

NOT MUCH TIME TO PREPARE OUR DEFENSES. RANGE *200 MILES* AND...

KRKKRROOOOOM
SUPERMAN?!
SUPERMAN? ARE YOU THERE?
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
I THINK I'VE STUNNED HIM.
I'LL FINISH THIS ONE, IF YOU TAKE THE OTHER.
HE'S MINE.
WHEREVER HE IS, HE'S
SPLAFFF!

TARGETING.
LOCKED.
KLIKT!
SHROOOM!
SHROOM!
UNFF!
YOUR WEAPONS ARE RUBBISH.
I'D SEND THEM BACK IF I WERE YOU.

INVISIBILITY'S A NICE TRICK, PRIMAID, BUT HERE'S A WORD OF ADVICE.
WHOK
NEXT TIME, HOLD YOUR BREATH.
:UKK:
KRUMMF!
BATMAN!
FORGET HIM, SUPERMAN.
YOU HAVE PROBLEMS OF YOUR OWN TO CONTEND WITH.
TRUST ME: YOU REALLY DO.
WHERE DID YOU... WHERE...

YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT WE *ARE*, DO YOU? DID YOU THINK YOU COULD ROUND US UP AND TAKE US TO PRISON AS THOUGH WE WERE ONE MORE INEPT GANG OF SUPER-CRIMINALS?
KRYTONITE, SUPERMAN, FEEL IT?
UHHHHH
EVERY LAST DETAIL OF THIS OPERATION HAS BEEN CAREFULLY PLANNED.
INCLUDING *THIS*.
KRAK
SHOULDN'T I CHECK FOR THE *BATMAN'S* BODY?
BEST NOT RISK THE FLAMES. IF HE SURVIVED THE CRASH, THE COLD WILL FINISH HIM; HE'S ONLY HUMAN, AFTER ALL.
WE HAVE WHAT WE WANT *HERE*.
...WE'LL STOP YOU...
WHO WILL STOP US? THE PEOLPLE OF THIS EARTH BELIEVE *WE* ARE THEIR SAVIOURS AND AS FOR YOUR COLLEAGUES...
BATMAN IS *DEAD*. WONDER WOMAN IS *DEAD*. THE FLASH. GREEN LANTERN. AQUAMAN. ALL *DEAD*.
THERE'S ONLY YOU. AND US.

AND A WHOLE WORLD ON ITS KNEES.
NEXT WAR OF THE WORLDS!